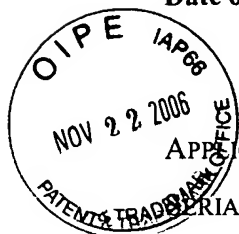


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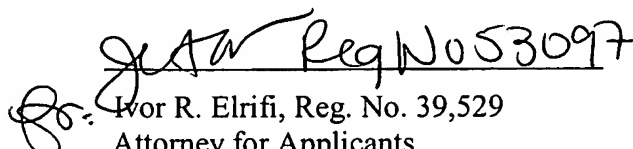
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 25, 2006 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before Monday, November 27, 2006 (November 25, 2006 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23239-544).

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